FISCAL MEMORANDUM SB 57 - HB 101

February 22, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004286): Requires in-service training for teachers and principals include at least two hours of suicide prevention education each school year. This education may be accomplished through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$162,000

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Educational materials to be used by teachers and principals for inservice training may be obtained through the Jason Foundation, Inc. website at no cost.
- Suicide prevention materials may also be provided by other mental health agencies at no cost to the schools.
- The additional training would be part of the existing five in-service days allotted to all teachers and staff and would not require additional instructional resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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Attachment